

The Huskies basketball team is comprised of some of the most talented athletes in the Nation. Junior forward Maya Moore and senior center Tina Charles were both selected as first team All-Americans and as members of the Final Four All-Tournament Team. Maya Moore was also chosen as the State Farm Wade Trophy Player of the Year and the Women's Final Four Most Valuable Player. Tina Charles was selected as the winner of the Naismith Award, the Wooden Award, the United States Basketball Writers Association Player of the Year Award, and the Associated Press Player of the Year Award.

I salute the hard work and dedication of the University of Connecticut Huskies players and coaches. I commend their exceptional record, athleticism, and consistent display of sportsmanship.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Res. 1239.

THE CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL: A LEGACY OF SERVICE

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2009–2010 Congressional Youth Advisory Council. This year 45 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 9 through 12 made their voices heard and made a difference in their communities, their country and their Congress. These students volunteered their time, effort, and talent to inform me about the important issues facing their generation. As young leaders within their communities and their schools, these students boldly represent the promise and the hope we all have for their very bright future.

President Ronald Reagan said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

To ensure that the blessing of freedom is passed from one generation to the next, the members of the CYAC spent time interviewing a veteran and documenting the experience for the "Preserving History Project." Today I'm proud to submit the brief summaries provided so the patriotic service of our dedicated veterans and the thoughtful work of the CYAC may be preserved for antiquity in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. A copy of each submitted student summary follows.

To each member of the Congressional Youth Advisory Council, thank you for making this year and this group a success. It is not a coincidence that this congressional tribute celebrates two generations of service. Each of you is trusted with the precious gift of freedom.

You are the voices of the future and I salute you. God bless you and God bless America.

The summary follows:

I interviewed Mr. Kurt DeKuehn, Petty Officer 1st Class, Musician, USN Ret. Mr.

DeKuehn enlisted in the Navy at the end of World War II through his entrance into the United States Naval Academy School of Music. He was barely 17 when his parents signed the enlistment papers and he auditioned four separate times on sax for entrance into the school. He gained admittance to the school, and as the war was in full swing, he was immediately put through basic training in preparation for deployment. He was eventually deployed to the battleship Arkansas BB-33 in January 1945 and remained with the ship until its decommissioning a year later. Mr. DeKuehn was later asked back to service as a bandleader for the Admiral Galley Goodwill Tour of Europe. As bandleader, he had the privilege of handpicking his players and auditioning them. The band performed in 27 countries in an 8 piece combo. Mr. DeKuehn thoroughly enjoyed his Navy experience due to his Officer status and the nature of his employment: he was paid to play his instrument (something he has done since he was four years of age), and minimally operate a machine gun on the stern of his ship. The terms of his employment don't sound half bad. He even says that he has nothing against the Navy and had fun in both of his tours of duty.—Jonathan Unger.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I was absent from the House floor during rollcall votes 206–211. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall Nos. 206, 208, and 210; I would have voted "nay" on rollcall Nos. 207, 209, and 211.

COLLEEN BOYD

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Colleen Boyd who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Colleen Boyd is an 8th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Colleen Boyd is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Colleen Boyd for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

HONORING DOLORES BROOKS ON HER RETIREMENT AS CHARTER MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE OZARKS TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. BLUNT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dolores Brooks, who is retiring after twenty years of service to her community in Springfield, Missouri as a charter member of the Board of Trustees of the Ozarks Technical Community College.

First elected in April 1990, Brooks helped shape the growth and direction of Ozarks Technical Community College, a school that serves students from 13 public school districts in Southwest Missouri and beyond. The growth of the school has been extraordinary, with this year's enrollment topping more than 12,000 students. OTC, as it is known to students and local residents, has expanded its operation to a second campus in Ozark, Missouri, with an eye to increasing accessibility to its growing student body.

Mrs. Brooks holds degrees from Purdue University, University of Missouri, and Southwest Missouri State University, and has served as a public school teacher, counselor, principal, and adjunct university faculty member. She has also served on numerous professional and civic organizations in leadership capacities, including the Missouri Guidance Association, Southwest Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals, Springfield Education Association, Missouri State Teachers Association, and the Dogwood Trails Girl Scouts Council. Prior to her selection to the OTC Board of Trustees, she was a member of the OTC Steering Committee. She led OTC as its Trustee President 1990–1992 and 2002–2003.

From its modest beginnings in central Springfield at the old vocational-technical school, OTC has blossomed into a modern campus offering students state-of-the-art classes with opportunities for advancement in a wide range of vocations, professions, and subject matter. I am proud of the hard work Mrs. Brooks and the College have done to provide quality education for students in Missouri.

To Mrs. Brooks, I wish to extend a heartfelt "thank you and well done" for her tireless work over the last two decades. Her efforts have made the Springfield area a better place to live. The Ozarks Technical Community College is a beacon of educational excellence for the entire region.

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